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Modern medicine is an advanced, data-driven field, and laboratory tests are a pillar of contemporary health care, impacting public health and patients' lives. These cutting-edge tests guide the detection, diagnosis, and treatment of all manner of diseases, thus paving the way for the best possible patient outcomes. Throughout the Lone Star State and beyond, care providers rely upon medical laboratory professionals for accurate information. The insights they produce serve as the foundation of medical intervention, and ultimately, the work beginning in laboratories has the power to improve and save lives.

With innovative technologies and scientific analysis, medical laboratory professionals derive actionable knowledge from blood, tissue, and bodily fluids. This line of work requires proficiency in such diverse subfields as hematology, microbiology, and immunology, and medical laboratory professionals must therefore undergo extensive formal education and remain abreast of emerging research.

Laboratory scientists and technicians use their specialized skills in a wide array of settings, including hospitals, physicians' offices, and private clinical laboratories. These dedicated men and women are invaluable members of medical teams across the Lone Star State, and they help meet medical needs ranging from the mild to the morbid.

Medical laboratory professionals are indispensable to our health care system, and they deserve the highest personal and professional esteem. As we continue to address the great medical challenges of our time—from cancer to addiction to chronic conditions—medical laboratory professionals will have a key role to play.

Each year, a week is set aside in order to celebrate medical laboratory professionals and to promote this rewarding career path. At this time, I encourage all Texans to reflect upon the often-unseen impacts that medical laboratory professionals make in our health care system and in our lives. By using their skills to serve their fellow man, they represent the best of the Lone Star State and stand ready to secure the Texas of tomorrow.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 14–20, 2024, to be

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 27th day of March, 2024.


Governor of Texas